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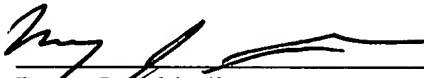
Pursuant to MPEP 201.11, the present application identifies all of the prior applications and indicates the relationship (i.e., continuation-in-part) between each nonprovisional application in order to establish copendency throughout the entire chain of prior applications. And, as further stated in MPEP 201.11, there is no limit to the number of prior applications through which a chain of copendency may be traced to obtain the benefit of the filing date of the earliest of a chain of prior copending applications. As such, the present application relates back to U.S. Ser. No. 08/611,298, filed on Mar. 5, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,911,937.

The pending claims 10 through 12 are fully supported by the original filed specification of U.S. Serial No. 08/611,298. The following terms, for example, are found at the following column and line of U.S. Patent No. 5,911,937 (the later issued patent of the filed specification of U.S. Serial No. 08/611,298): “polymer base material” can be found e.g. at col. 6, line 45; “desiccating agent” can be found at e.g. col. 7, line 9; “channeling agent” can be found at e.g. col. 8, lines 1-2; the description of the “channeling agent” can be found e.g. at col. 14, line 62 - col. 15, line 13; the “affinity” limitation can be found e.g. at col. 8, lines 17-22 (typo “infinity”); “desiccating agent is entrained in the polymer base material” can be found at e.g. col. 9, line 58 – col. 10, line 17; “the polymer base material is a material, prior to processing of the composition, that more greatly resists diffusion of moisture than does the material that is the channeling agent” can be found at e.g. col. 15, lines 28-30; “the passages transmit moisture to the entrained desiccating agent in the polymer base material” can be found at e.g. col. 16, lines 37-41; and the weight percent for desiccating agent and polymer base material can be found at e.g. col. 8, lines 49-57.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the invention recited by pending claims is patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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